











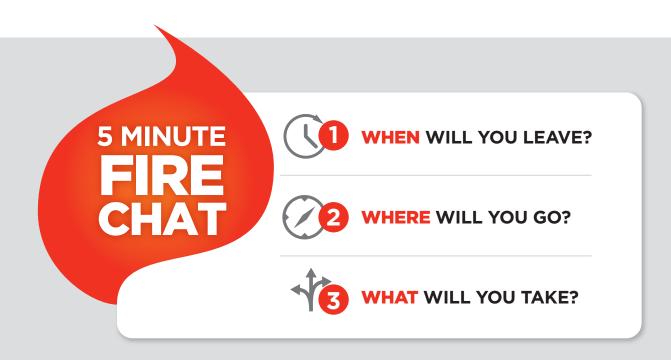






# **STEP 2: DISCUSS HAVE A 5 MINUTE FIRE CHAT**

In the event that a fire becomes uncontrollable, you may only have minutes to react. In order to protect your family, your workers, and your livelihood it's important you know what you will do:















## **DECIDE TO STAY, BUT BE PREPARED ACTION CHECKLIST**

Defending structures on your property can be physically and mentally demanding. It's important that everyone knows exactly what to do if a fire happens. You may need to make a decision early as to what structures on the property (e.g. homestead, machinery shed etc.) you want to defend.

### **BEFORE** (well before the fire has arrived)

# Initial next to each: [ ] Move flammable items away from all buildings (e.g. home, shed, stable etc.) [ ] Move stock to a well-grazed or ploughed area away from the house and wind [ ] Check all equipment is working and easily accessible (this includes testing all pumps, hoses and vehicles) [ ] Block downpipes and fill gutters with water [ ] Patrol any structures well before the fire arrives to put out embers and spot fires [ ] If possible, wet the side of the structure that faces the fire [ ] If in a house, close any doors, windows and vents [ ] Soak towels and rugs and lay them across external doorways [ ] Move your firefighting equipment to a place where it won't burn inside

## **DURING** (as the fire is upon you)

[] Don't get caught in the open as a fire approaches
[ ] As the fire approaches take shelter to protect yourself from the heat of the fire
[ ] If possible, shelter on the opposite side from the approaching fire, or behind a solid object to protect yourself from the heat
[ ] Make sure that there is always more than one exit in case you need to escape
[ ] Drink lots of water to stay hydrated

## **AFTER** (immediately after the fire has passed)

[]	If possible,	and	safe to	do s	o, check	everyone	on your	property
	are OK							

- [ ] Contact relatives or friends to tell them you are safe
- [ ] Patrol your home for several hours, looking for small fires and burning embers













# **DECIDE TO STAY, BUT BE PREPARED EQUIPMENT CHECKLIST**

Defending your property from a fire can be challenging and you will need the right equipment.

Initial against all of the equipment you will need in a fire emergency.

Remember, while firefighters and emergency services will do everything they can to help you, there's no guarantee that there will be a fire truck available when you need it. Anyone who plans to stay and defend in a fire has a responsibility to know how to use firefighting equipment.

We commit to testing equipment on:

Equipment is stored in:

<b>✓ PROTECTIVE CLOTHING</b>	
[ ] Wide-brimmed hat	
[ ] Eye protection goggles	
[ ] Moistened facemask or cloth	
[ ] Loose, long sleeved cotton shirt	1
[ ] Gloves	9
[ ] Long cotton pants/jeans	
[ ] Sturdy leather shoes or boots	
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